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Claims **1 - 8** were pending in the present application.
Claims **1 - 8** were subject to restriction and election requirement.
Claims **1 - 14** will remain pending upon entry of this amendment.

Election

In response to the Restriction Requirement of the Office Action, Applicants elect:

Group I (claims **1 - 3** and **6 - 7**).

This election is made without traverse.

The Elected Claims

*The Office Action describes claims **6 and 7** as related to claim **5** (invention III). For the following reasons, we believe that this was an unintentional and that the Examiner actually intended to group claims **6 and 7** with claims **1 - 3**.*

First, claims **6** and **7** explicitly refer to claim **1**.

Second, the basis provided in the Office Action for separation of Invention III was that those the claims were "drawn to generating rules and optimizing the rules". Claims **6 and 7** do not recite rules at all, much less generating or optimizing rules.

The claims as filed erroneously included two claims numbered '5', which may have further confused the identification of certain claims

Claim Amendments

Claim 7 has been amended to insert a period at the end of the claim.

The claims as filed erroneously included two claims numbered '5'.
Accordingly, claims currently and properly numbered 6 - 8 were originally
numbered 5 - 7.

No amendment was made for a reason related to patentability.

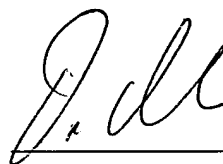
Newly-Added Claims

Newly added claims 9 - 14 depend from independent claim 1.

Conclusion

If the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the
present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Dean Alderucci
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